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Hair today gone tomorrow!

BY RICHARD CHIDWICK

LORRAINE Lally from Blackbird Leys is shaving her head to raise cash for the Macmillan Cancer Charity following her daughter's ordeal with Leukaemia.

Lorraine, who hopes to raise £1,000, has been a charity champion in the past and has raised money by completing charity runs with her daughter Annabel and abseiling down the John Radcliffe hospital twice.

She is planning her latest event as a result of her daughter's struggle with the debilitating and life threatening cancer.

Leukaemia is a malignant progressive disease in which the bone marrow and other blood-forming organs produce increased numbers of immature or abnormal leucocytes. These suppress the production of normal blood cells, leading to anaemia and other symptoms.

Lorraine said: "My daughter was diagnosed at 12–18 months old and given three years of treatment. The cancer then came back and my daughter lost her hair for the second time. I've lost family members to cancer too."

Lorraine is taking part in a Facebook campaign called 'Shave for the Brave' and she will shave her hair off on August 16. She said that she has found her daughter's ordeal of living with no hair as a result of cancer treatment one of the hardest things to live with.

"I feel if I shave my hair off for Macmillan people may come up to me and say, "Lorraine why have you got no hair? I'm doing it to raise awareness and make other organisations aware."

■ **For more information go to: www.shaveforthebrave.ca/get-involved/**

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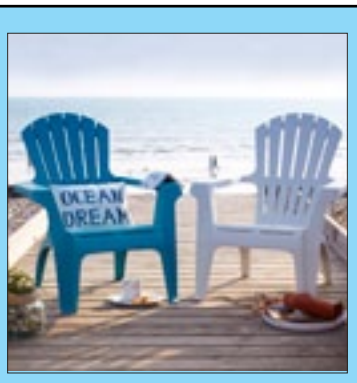

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Please note: do not embed photos and logos into word documents but send them as separate picture files.

The next issue of Leys News will be delivered on 29 August and the deadline for editorial copy is 10 August.

EDITOR'S LETTER

Hi there,
Well the summer holidays are now upon us, and whether you are planning to take off for a few days or take a well-earned rest at home, there is plenty to keep you occupied in this month's Leys News.

Check out our seasonal summer fashion fixes with Natalie on page 4, and get some inspiration for bringing the beach to your backdoor on page 10. As well as our regular columns, George Scotland has been researching top holiday destinations and looking at how the recent budget will impact on you-after all Leys News aims to bring you the most diverse features!

Whatever you get up to this month, have a great time and enjoy, and don't forget to support our cover star Lorraine Lally in her quest to raise £1000 to support cancer charities.

Best wishes
Sarah

Fun in the fast lane for Oxford winner

ONE lucky dad will be racing around the UK's fastest race circuit at Thruxton after he won a competition organised by Templars Square Shopping Centre in Oxford to celebrate this year's Father's Day.

The competition involved racing around a virtual track circuit in a full sized Formula 1 racing car in the fastest time, and Michael Jacobs from Oxford earned his first place on the podium in a speed of 1 minute 29 seconds, cheered on by the watching crowds at the Templars Square Shopping Centre.

Now he will be speeding around the track for real in a real Porsche Cayman, Octavia VRS and single seat Renault racing car.

Runners up were two other Oxford Dads, Jamie Armson who achieved a speed of 1 minute 32 seconds and Craig Harris 1 minute 33 seconds,who both won tickets to MGLive! at Silverstone.

Centre Manager Paul Bentham said: "We are a family friendly centre and it's not all about spending money for our shoppers. We put on events like this, to encourage dads, and mums, to visit with their children as a family. We believe it's important for our hard-working customers to take time off to have fun and spend quality time together, and that's exactly what we aim to provide."

READER'S LETTERS

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Dear Leys News
People are able to carry heavy containers of all kinds of drinks and food stuffs to the park area on Cuddesdon Way/ Pegasus Road. Then it seems when they are empty and lighter they can't carry them away.
Patrick Young

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A LIFELINE FOR THE LEYS

ABOVE: The team at My OX4. BELOW: Deedee Wallace, Area Manager, outside the Leys Hub.

BY RICHARD CHIDWICK

THE My OX4 project is a drug and alcohol recovery abstinence group based in Knights Road in Blackbird Leys. The project is part of the Lifeline group, a national charity that plays a crucial part in service user's lives, allowing them to recover from drug and alcohol problems that My OX4 volunteer David referred to as the 'disease of addiction."

Reducing harm, promoting recovery, and challenging inequalities is the key goal for Lifeline and for many of its volunteers.

"The charity is completely self sufficient and works with any organisation and partnership who will benefit the service users as long as its mutually beneficial," says Deedee Wallace who is Area Manager at the Leys Hub.

She added: "To my mind resident rehab does work and I especially like the idea of people recovering in the community with no pain, as they have a greater chance to maintain their sobriety."

Simon who is a volunteer with Lifeline started helping out in 2014, he said: "Through my experiences I've seen a lot of people get through and get on to programmes with Lifeline. I've been sober a long time now, 26 years, and I wanted to give something back as a volunteer. I know a lot of people on the Leys and it's an ideal place to help people if they want or need it."

Karen who is a volunteer, also added: "Addiction needs complex treatment and complete abstinence is like gold. I can't think of a better way of explaining it but it gave me the will to carry on. If you come to the group intoxicated you run the risk of breaching boundaries and you can be given a mandatory breath or blood test and if you fail, you can be voted off the group."

My OX4 is open every day from 9.30am–5.30pm and the group is open to anyone and is free. There is also the popular community breakfast on Saturday mornings which is also open to everyone.

MP for Oxford East Andrew Smith said: "When based on the Cowley Road, Lifeline did very good work with alcohol and substance abusers. I heard moving personal testimony about the difference their programme helped make in the lives of those taking part, and what this meant to their family and friends."

"I hope that the facility in Blackbird Leys will bring the same support, hope and results to local people who need to change their lives."

Spies on the Leys

CHIDLREN aged between 8 and 12 can have fun, make friends and solve puzzles at Science Oxford's new Blackbird Leys Summer Spy School. Science Oxford will be at Pegasus Primary School from 17 -21 August this summer, with a huge range of fun and free activities for local children to enjoy for a day or the whole week.

They can have a go at building, baking, investigating and exploring with different activities every day. Whether you are a budding CSI or the next James Bond, there will be skills to learn and activities to try.

The week will include a huge variety of spy skills; from creating invisible ink to following secret trails and investigating the scene of the crime. Over the week, children will be able to add to their spy portfolio, then show it off at a celebration event at the end of the week.

Science Oxford works with families, schools and businesses across the county to share its passion for science in a fun and accessible way.

Sophie Batin from Science Oxford said: "We have a huge range of exciting shows, workshops and activities and are looking forward to the chance to work with children in Blackbird Leys."

■ **For more information about the Blackbird Leys Summer Spy School or to book your place, check out the website www.scienceoxford.com or contact Sophie on sophie.batin@scienceoxford.com or by phone on 01865 810011.**

Glowing yellow for charity

AS PART of their commitment to raise £10,000 for Sobell House Hospice in Oxford, all the staff at Templars Square Shopping Centre turned yellow.

For a week staff raised awareness of the charity by wearing something yellow and encouraging as many people as possible to take part in events to help them reach their fundraising target. The first fundraising event for the charity took place on Saturday 11 July when the Templars Square Team entered the Oxford Moonlight Stroll, running for the ninth year.

Council consultation

BY RANDY DENHAM

A consultation was launched by Oxford City Council in order to help determine the needs that the older people in Oxford will have with regards to housing and housing related services.

The consultation aims to review housing needs and provisions for those aged 55 and older, with consultation forms having already been sent out to eligible residents.

Councillor Scott Seamons, Board Member for Housing and Property Services, said: "The consultation is the start of our conversation with people who are over the age of 55 years about their current living arrangements, their health and any plans they may have in place for their future housing needs.

"This is obviously a broad age group, and many in their mid-50's into their 60's may understandably not think of themselves as older people, with retirement some way off.

"However, building the right homes takes time and with the coming demographic challenges we need to plan as early as possible. With this in mind it is important for us to understand what type of home people see themselves living in later on and what features are going to be important to them."

The consultation closes on 31 August, and those who are interested in participating may visit: www.oxford.gov.uk/ophrsurvey. The information obtained through the survey will be treated as confidential.

■ For further information, or for those who are interested in taking part in focus groups that will assist the survey, can telephone the Council at: 01865 249811
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BLACKBIRD LEYS ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND (BLAP)

Ruskin students share skills at BLAP

BY SUE PRICE

RUSKIN students have been working with BLAP to enhance their learning and share their experience with children. One of the very popular skills they have shared is henna painting (*pictured right*).

Last summer at the playscheme and again recently at the after school club children could be seen eagerly waiting their turn to have a design of their choosing on their arm. BLAP always made sure that parents gave permission, as these amazing designs can stay on for anything up to two weeks.

This summer Ruskin students will again be sharing their skills with the children alongside the trained sessional workers who go out of their way to make the Play Scheme experience such a happy one for so many local 8–13 year-old.

This year there will be three full day trips out and one half day trip to Laser Quest. Local facilities such as the new swimming pool, the IT Hub and the local recording studios will provide further off site experiences.

At the playground children will learn about Kenyan music, have a visit from Pegasus Theatre and enjoy many outside and inside activities. Children will also have the opportunity to begin to turn the back part of BLAP from a wilderness into a peaceful garden. BLAP is expecting delivery, during the play scheme, of three picnic tables from Pathway that the Blackbird Leys Parish Council are kindly paying for, to help make the back half of BLAP as inviting as the front.

LEYS FASHION

BY NATALIE GIDLEY

Simple summer style, sorted

LOOKING cool and keeping cool are two very different things. I had forgotten that when temperatures soar, make-up slips, hair goes flat and fly-away, skin become sweaty, feet get swollen and your overall look? Well, it ain't great.

I've spent the last month trying to figure out how to keep cool and comfortable for the whole day rather than getting all dolled up just for it to all run down my back as soon as I step out of the door. The trick is to keep it simple; one clothing item, minimal accessories and low maintenance beauty.

Playsuits and jumpsuits are at the top of my summer must-haves. They are just too easy to grab, throw on and go out the door. You can dress them up with a fab statement necklace and fancy sandals for a laid-back evening look too. My favourite has to be the little red number from New Look with crochet detailing on the hem and the striped, sleeveless playsuit from Oliver Bonas is so right-on for holidays on the beach.

Dresses are pretty much perfect for sticky, hot weather too and there are tonnes of cute styles on the high street. Off-the-shoulder dresses and tops are big news and as well being bang on trend, it's a flattering cut. Meanwhile, maxi dresses never fail to look elegant and carefree.

Skincare should be about just one thing; looking after it. Calypso Once a Day is one of my favourite sunscreens because it's light, absorbs quickly and it doesn't leave a streaky white layer. Be sure to read the instructions carefully for it to last all day.

Nobody wants to be faffing with a blow-drying and straightening hair in the summer. Keep it fuss-free by spraying Frizz No More curls spray into damp hair and watch your locks turn into beautiful, beachy waves.

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Tu at Sainsburys

2. Hailee Monochrome Palazzo Pants, £15, Pretty Little Thing

3. Striped playsuit, £16
Oliver Bonas

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New Look

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Primark

6. Haivannas, £18
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7. Maxi dress, £16
George at ASDA

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COMMENT: How will the budget affect you?

BY GEORGE SCOTLAND

CHANCELLOR George Osbourne has unveiled the first all Conservative budget since 1996 spelling out that Britain has the fastest growing advanced economy in the world. He has set out this new emergency budget on the basis of creating what he described as transforming "A low wage , high tax, high welfare society to a higher wage, lower-tax, lower welfare economy".

But how will he go about it? and how will it affect you for maybe better or for worse?

NATIONAL LIVING WAGE

George Osbourne dropped a bombshell that stunned Parliament by introducing a new National Living Wage replacing the current National Minimum Wage which is set to be made compulsory in April 2016 starting at £7.20 an hour, rising to £9 per hour by the year 2020.

WHO WILL THIS AFFECT?

The introduction of the National Living Wage will only apply to people aged 25 and over. Under 25's will still receive the set National Minimum Wage which the government argues that this wage should still apply to younger people in order for them to "secure work and gain experience" and "to maximise opportunities available to them".

As well as young people staying on the minimum wage, 18–21 year olds will have to be either in education or work as part of the governments "earn or learn" scheme which they say will deter them from receiving benefits straight after they leave school.

Another reform that could affect young people is the abolition of student grants being replaced with student loans which the government says will give more funding for universities.

The government also argues that it is unfair for taxpayers to pay for students who could potentially end up being paid more than them. These loans will only have to start being paid back once a the student is earning £21,000 a year or more. The loans will be increased to £8,200.

WAGE AND TAXATION

As well as introducing the National Living Wage, other reforms to wage and taxation include raising the Personal Allowance, at which people start paying tax, to £11,000 next year. The government says the personal allowance will rise to £12,500 by 2020, so that people working 30 hours a week on the minimum wage do not pay income tax.

NATIONAL LIVING WAGE

Osbourne plans to create a low welfare society and will slash benefits for low paid workers but will get employers and businesses to pay more through the National Living Wage. Workers in the public sector will continue to receive a one percent pay rise annually up until 2019.

WELFARE AND PENSIONS

George Osbourne has pledged to make £12 billion in welfare cuts but has promised to slow the pace of these cuts to three years instead of two.

The budget included a plan to restrict Tax Credits and Universal Credit to two children, affecting those born after April 2017.

The annual household benefit cap will be reduced by £3,000. This means the the cap will be reduced to £23,000 a year in London and £20,000 for the rest of the UK.

Other benefits that will be affected include a freeze on most working age benefits (JSA,Employment and Support Allowance) from April 2016 and also young people aged 18-21 will not be able to automatically claim for housing benefit.

People on higher incomes in social housing will have to pay the market rate for their homes. That applies to those earning above £40,000 in London and £30,000 elsewhere in Britain.

Disability benefit will not be affected in the budget, and will not be taxed or means tested.

FREE TV LICENCES

The Government has also introduced free television licences for over 75's. The funding for this will be transferred from the government to the BBC between 2018 and 2021.

WHO MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY WELFARE REFORMS?

The restriction of tax credits to two children will most affect single parents or any family which has a third or subsequent child born after 2017. According to HMRC currently, 870,000 families with more than two children receive child tax credit.

The Chancellor, George Osbourne has said this welfare reform will save £5.37bn a year by 2019. The reduction of the benefit cap is expected to save £405m a year according to official figures and will see families receive £3,000 less in benefits all together.

The Institute of Fiscal Studies (IFS) said that these benefit reductions could hit 13 million families. The four year freeze on most working age benefits will affect people relying on benefits such as Job Seekers Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance.

There were no major reforms affecting pensioners in the budget apart from free television licences being payed for the BBC and the introduction of the amount people can contribute to their pension tax-free to be reduced for individuals with incomes over £150,000.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BUDGET

The government have pledged to plough £8bn a year into the NHS by 2020.

The government will commit to spending two percent of GDP on defence every year, meeting the NATO target.

Ping! It's Summer!

THE annual table tennis festival, Ping! Oxford, has returned for the summer, and residents can again pick up a bat and play the game for free.

Oxford City Council has installed 20 ping pong tables across the city over the last two festivals, and will make free bats and balls available throughout August.

People will also be able to play the sport on pop-up tables at events throughout the summer, including the Oxford Moonlight Stroll and the Leys Festival.

This is the third year that the City Council has taken part in the national festival, which encourages people to have a go at the sport and get active during the summer.

More than 74,000 people of all ages and abilities took part in Ping! Oxford last year.

This year the City Council is looking for volunteers to help the festival by looking after the tables, putting out free bats and balls and challenging people to a game. Anyone interested in becoming a Ping! Oxford volunteer can register their interest by visiting: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PingOxford2015

Councillor Mike Rowley, Board Member for Leisure, Parks and Sports, said: "Ping! Oxford 2013 and 2014 were both a great success and we are keen to continue that with this year's festival.

"But need help from local volunteers to inspire their communities and work with us on events and activities that will encourage new people to give it a try.

"Volunteering in sport is a fantastic way to give something back to our communities and a great way to get outdoors, keep active and meet new people."

As part of the festivities, the City Council is also giving away free table tennis sets to community groups and workplaces to enable them to host regular sessions.

■ **For more information and to register your community group or business for an Instant ping pong set, contact Vicki Galvin on 01865 252720 or vgalvin@oxford.gov.uk.**

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DIFFERENT STROKES FOR DIFFERENT FOLKS

Stella Gathenya continues her column contrasting the differences between living here in the UK with life in her native Africa.

Dear Diary

DEAR diary I remember vividly the first time I put pen to paper, pouring out my emotions. I shared my little secrets and ambitions with you, the one place where I would conceal nothing and watch the magic of the ink drying on paper. Well, dear diary, if only our ambitions were as unchangeable, as eternal as the ink on paper. Unfortunately, it so happens in life that there are some things that happen to us that make us want to erase our aspirations, to push them to the back of our minds and lock them away.

Sometimes we face tough situations that kill the light of our mission, we find ourselves getting stagnated...you feel like your dreams and ambitions have betrayed you at the eleventh hour.

Dear diary I remember how I used to write about my beloved village. I never wanted the unspoilt nature of its beauty to fade away from my mind. I wrote down of the scorching sun, of its green landscape, its red soil. I jotted down of the thousand stars that lit up the dark skies at night. Of how in the still silence of the darkness I would hear the sounds of the nocturnal creatures merging harmoniously into the crisp, clean air as I dreamt and rode away with my imagination. I wrote down of the days spent with my siblings and friends, of the love and bond we shared between us.

Dear diary, it was back when I still believed with that childhood innocence that the world was a beautiful place. Don't get me wrong, it is beautiful, but you did not mention to me that I would meet with disappointments, rejection and regrets.

That I would go to the city and meet with people who are too self-absorbed, that they have forgotten the meaning of caring and community spirit.

Then, I would be met those who are struggling under the weight of poverty. They have been swallowed by the quest for riches and vanished in its abyss. All is not lost though, dear diary, it is just that it took me by surprise. I believe there is still hope.

Dear diary, I come back to write down my chronicles...older and hopefully wiser. You might notice the change. I have come to learn that these things are a common occurrence.

They happen even to some of us who did not think that at one point we might be crippled by how the flower of life withers. Dear diary, I know it easy to say, but harder to implement but what is important is how we rise from it and chase the dreams that we once conceived. Now this is what is beautiful, the incessant ability of humanity to rise from the ashes and bask in the glory of a new sun.

Dear diary, I have also learnt that all you need to do is change your attitude and there is no limit to what you can do. I hope to be a benchmark to my kids and the generation after me by building a strong foundation for them.

Not to be like the windmill that follows the direction of the wind, but stand in what they believe in and not be ashamed of it. I was once told by my elders that, it is the work of one generation to sow the seeds and another to enjoy its shade.

One thing is for sure though dear diary, that you remain constant as you have all these years. All these words that blend together to express feeling and emotion. Even after all else departs, you will still be here for years to come.

AGNES SMITH ADVICE CENTRE

Disability benefits

QUITE a lot of people come in with questions about Attendance Allowance (AA), Disability Living Allowance (DLA), and Personal Independence Payments (PIP).

All of these are to help disabled people with the extra costs of their disabilities. They are normally paid on top of any other benefits.

Attendance Allowance (AA)

This is for people aged 65 or over at date of claim who need help with "personal care" e.g. washing/bathing themselves, getting dressed, moving around the house, getting to the toilet, communicating with other people, etc, or constant supervision to avoid harm to themselves or others.

The lower rate is for people who need care either during the day or at night, and the higher rate is for people who need help both daytime and night time. Attendance Allowance is to continue, and is not affected by the introduction of PIP. Attendance Allowance helpline – 0345 605 6055

Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

This is now being phased out, and new claims are now being made for PIP only. People with existing DLA claims will be transferred to PIP over time.

Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

This replaces DLA for new claims for people under 65. The "daily living component" is for people who need help with "personal care" and managing daily life, and a mobility component for people who have problems with getting about.

There is a form to fill in and for most people an interview with a health professional. Depending on the severity of the condition, people may get a standard or an enhanced rate.

The assessment is done on a points system, adding up points for different things people have problems with. New claims for PIP – 0800 917 2222

Transfer to PIP

If you have a fixed-term award of DLA, you are likely to be asked to apply for PIP at the time your award is coming to an end or if you ask for your claim to be looked again.

You need to do this when you are asked to, as you will be able to choose to stay on DLA.

As long as you make the application by the date given in the letter, your existing DLA will continue until a decision has been made about your entitlement to PIP.

Get help

for all the above benefits, we advise everyone, and it pays to get help from an adviser who has experience in filling benefit forms.

Telephone our reception on 770206 to make an appointment or find out about drop-in times.

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Blackbird Leys Parish Council

Next Meeting Date:

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Parish Councillors

Gordon Roper (Chair), Ann Booker (Vice Chair), Peter Carter, John Dillon, Chris Hatton, Daniel Jones, Jadine-Francis Kennedy, Sheila Smith and Pat Stannard.

For further details telephone

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www.leysonline.net

HOLIDAYS: Leaving on a jet plane

BY GEORGE SCOTLAND

HAVE you been saving hard through your part time job for you holiday with your mates this year? I've just come back from my first foreign holiday with my friends in Kavos, Corfu and had the time of my life.

Here is my guide to helping you choose the perfect destination for you and your mates this summer – whatever your budget.

If you can't afford to jet off to foreign climes, I've also come up with a few ideas for holidays here in the UK where there is also a lot of choice on offer if you decide not to go abroad.

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IBIZA

Famously regarded as the party capital of the world, Ibiza is situated just off the coast of mainland Spain like its two Balearic cousins, Majorca and Menorca. Clubbers across the globe come to Ibiza every summer with the island attracting two million tourists in total a year, 700,000 of them British who come to see if it lives up to its 24–7 party reputation.

Most of the non stop action takes place in San Antonio and Ibiza Town which is the capital of Ibiza. San Antonio however is a truly British party resort and boasts an extensive range of bars, restaurants and clubs.

The strip in San Antonio named The West End is world famous and is great for meeting mates before you hit the big night clubs. The night clubs in Ibiza are among the most famous in the world and include a list made up of Amnesia, Pacha, Eden, Space and Ibiza Rocks Hotel.

Instead of wasting money on a taxi, you can catch a bus called the Disco Bus from San Antonio Bus Station to the main clubs costing you around three Euros for a return. Clubs stand as independent and set their own prices, so a water may cost you on average nine Euros and 15 Euros for a beer.

You can get a package deal which includes flights and accommodation for around £300 on average through bargain websites like Travel Republic, Lowcost holidays and teletext holidays.

Ibiza being the party capital of the world attracts big name artists and DJ's every summer. Here is a list of notable artists playing in Ibiza in August and September:

- **Paris Hilton Foam and Diamonds Party** – every Saturday night at Amnesia, Ibiza from 13 June to 26 September. Standard Ticket: 50 Euros.
- **Disturbing Ibiza Tinie Tempahs' Pool Party** – every Tuesday at Hard Rock Hotel, Ibiza from 30 June to 8 September. Standard ticket: 15 Euros.
- **David Guetta and Guests** – every Thursday night at Amnesia from June to the end of September. Standard ticket: 40 Euros.

Playing at Ibiza Rocks Hotel in August and September:

- **Clean Bandit and Karen Harding** – Wednesday 5 August . Standard ticket: 45 Euros.
- **Gorgon City Live** – 14 August. Standard ticket: 40 Euros.
- **Fatboy Slim** – Wednesday 2 September. Standard ticket: 40 Euros.
- **Mark Ronson** – Thursday 9 September. Standard ticket: 40 Euros.

A full calender of all events from nightclubs is available at www.ibiza-spotlight.com/

Average temperature

August: 26 degrees.
September: 24 degrees.

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KAVOS, CORFU

Ibiza a bit too pricey? Not to worry! Kavos located on the beautiful Greek island of Corfu is just as good and also boasts a 24–7 party lifestyle. It's also perfect for those taking their first steps into an 18–30 holiday. Kavos formally an unspoilt fishing village on the coast has recently become popular with young holiday makers across Europe due to its notorious night-life.

The centre of the night-life consists of the famous Kavos Strip which features a whole range of restaurants, bars and clubs. Bars include, Rockys which plays a whole variety of music up until the modern day Snobs, an R n B orientated club that is always bouncing and Buzz that lives up to its name quite spectacularly.

If you fancy something different the famous Rolling Stones Bar in the middle of the strip has an indie surrounding to it and plays music ranging from The Beatles, Oasis and Arctic Monkeys, as well as 90s cheese such as Spice Girls and B-Witched.

The strip is good for both a full night out and also pre drinking before the big events at night clubs . Make sure you try out Rodneys TKDS'S the only place in Kavos where you can find the speciality Water Melon! The big night clubs in the resort of Kavos include Future and also Atlantis located on the beach front which is linked with Venue and regularly have big names playing every night and also different parties including Paint and Foam.

Other parties hosted in the day include boat parties (average price of Booze Cruise, 40 Euros) and pool parties. After hitting Future and Atlantis , most people head to Bamboo Beach Club at the end of the night. Kavos being a smaller resort than the rest, you're guaranteed to make many friends and be on first names terms straight away as everything is in close proximity A package deal to Kavos which includes flights and accommodation can range from £250–£500 depending on where when and how long you stay for.
You can use websites such as Travel Republic, Lowcost holidays and Co-op Travel.

Here is a list of various acts, events and DJ's playing in Kavos throughout August and September 2015:

- **Atlantis Super Paint Party** – Every Saturday night at Atlantis Club, Kavos. Ticket: 20 Euros.
- **Charlie Sloth** (1-EXTRA DJ) – Wednesday 5 August , Club Venue. Standard ticket: 22 Euros.
- **Danny Howard** (of Danny Howard, Dance Anthems) – Wednesday 12 August to 2 September, Club Trinity, Kavos. Standard ticket: 22 Euros.
- **Scott Mills** – 26 August, Club Trinity. Standard ticket: 22 Euros.
- **DJ Target** (Of Radio 1) – 9 September. Club Trinity, Kavos.

A full list of events is available at www.kavosnightlife.com/lineup-2015/

Average temperature

August: 26 degrees.
September: 23 degrees.

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MAGALUF, MAJORCA

Probably the most well known of the party destinations, Magaluf is situated at the bottom of the Balearic island of Majorca, which is just off the coast of Mainland Spain. With only a two hour flight it is the closest clubbing destination to the UK.

Magaluf like Ibiza and Kavos, has a prominent night-life and attracts thousands of young holidaymakers from across Europe every summer. Magaluf consists of a white sandy beach and the notoriously wild Magaluf Strip which has a wide range of restaurants, bars and clubs at the heart of it.

Along the strip you can find home comforts such as McDonalds, Fish and Chips, Pizza Hut and the odd episode of Only Fools and Horses!

As well as more traditional Spanish cuisine, however fast food is high on the agenda for those wanting to eat, sleep, rave, repeat! Enough about the food.

The Magaluf strip really comes alive when the sun goes down and continues until gone past 7am the next morning!

With over 50 bars on the strip, there is a lot of variety to chose from. Well known bars include Crystals located at the start of the strip and during the day you can catch live sport there on the big screen.

Make your way further down to the centre of the strip and you'll find Club 21 which has outgoing and enthusiastic vibe. Located opposite Magaluf's world famous BCM Planet Dance is Panama Jack's Bar which is one of the few clubs to open past 6am.

Like Kavos, the strip is good for pre-drinking and also a night out. Drinks are reasonably priced.

Magaluf boasts nightclubs famous enough to challenge Ibiza with BCM Planet Dance being the main draw largely due to it's ultimate clubbing atmosphere which can hold a capacity of 7,000 people, Boomerang located at the centre of the strip and Bananas Disco Club which specialises in House music.

If you want something different Tokio Joes offers the best urban music seven nights a week from RnB and Hip Hop. Prices for a holiday to Magaluf, Package deal which includes flights, accommodation range from £150–500 depending on what you chose. Ideal websites to find a good deal Travel Republic, Teletext Holidays and Co-op Travel.

Magaluf attracts Big DJ's and artists between the summer season May to September every year.

Here is a highlight guide of who's playing in Magaluf in August and September:

- **Danny Howard and Friends** – Tuesday 4 August 2015 and 25 August, BCM Planet Dance, Magaluf.
- **BCM Presents Example and DJ Wire** – Thursday 6 August 2015, BCM Planet Dance, Magaluf.
- **Oliver Heldens and Robin Schulz** – Tuesday 11 August, BH Mallorca Hotel, Magaluf.

A full list of events is available at : www.feelsummer.com/calendar/

Average temperature:

August: 25 degrees
September: 21 degrees

So don't fancy going abroad this Summer? There are other great options for you and your mates to get into the party spirit if you choose to stay home in the UK.

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BLACKPOOL

Blackpool is a major seaside resort and town in Lancashire, North West. Blackpool is a popular choice and attracts 13 million holidaymakers from all four corners, every year because it boasts one of the most popular centres for tourism in the whole of UK with a list including, the 19th Century Blackpool Tower, the recently opened Madame Tussauds Blackpool, Sea Life Centre and the nationally famous Blackpool Pleasure Beach, home to once the biggest and fastest Roller-coaster in the world, The Pepsi Max Big One which stands at 235 Feet and reaches speeds of 87 miles per hour.

As well as the beach and many tourists attractions, Blackpool offers a great night-life for young people and has bars and clubs varied enough to suit everybody with more than 30 to chose from.

Among the most famous night clubs Blackpool has to offer include Flamingo, the number one night club in town open seven nights a week and has a calibre of renowned DJ's playing throughout the summer. Check their website for upcoming events and prices throughout the summer: www.flamingoonline.co.uk.

Another one of Blackpool's nightclubs is NYX Bar and Kitchen new for 2015, formally Rumours which has two clubs on two different floors with DJ's playing dance / party music plus R n B tunes. For more information on entry prices offers and events go to www.blackpoolnightlife.co.uk.

As well as the big night clubs there are also a wide variety of bars and restaurants located both in the town centre and along the beach front. Blackpool has other 400 hotels and Bed and Breakfasts and you can find good deals on websites such as Laterooms.com, Hotel Travago and budget chain hotels like Premier Inn and Travelodge, (starting at £30 a night per person) which have hotels in Blackpool.

The start of September is the perfect time to come to Blackpool as it is the start of the world famous Illuminations which run all the way through to the end of October, this year starting on the 4 September being turned on by Peter Kay.

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BUTLINS WEEKENDER
MINEHEAD, BOGNOR REGIS AND SKEGNESS

Butlins still a firm favourite for holidaymakers throughout the country has three resorts spread out across the UK. Bognor Regis West Sussex, Minehead, Somerset and Skegness, Lincolnshire.

The three Butlins resorts have a wide variety of things to do and all feature a large indoor waterpark known as Splash Waterworld. At the heart of the resorts is the Skyline Pavillion where entertainment takes place both day and night and also has a range of bars and cafes as well as shops and amusements.

Butlins is known for its family friendy atmosphere however Butlins Adult weekenders specifically aimed at 18+ is when the fun really begins. Different weekends have alternative themes ranging from a Soul weekender to 80s/90s reloaded theme.

You can get a very good deal for three nights for a room only starting at £74 per person, self catering apartment starting from £90 per person and Hotel room from £158 per person. For full details visit www.bigweekends.com.

Here is a list of Butlins Weekender events taking place across all three resorts this September:

- **90s Reloaded** – Friday 4 September to Monday 7 September, Bognor Regis Resort.
  Line up includes Snap!, B-Witched and Ministry of Sound Anthems.
  Room from £151pp for three nights.
- **90s Reloaded** – Friday 11 September to Monday 14 September, Minehead Resort.
  Line up includes Toploader, Toby Anstis and Cream Dance event ft Judge Jules.
  Room from £74 pp for three nights.
- **Soul Weekender** – Friday 18 September to Monday 21 September, Bognor Regis Resort.
  Line up includes Billy Ocean.
  Room only from £115 pp for three nights.
- **90s Reloaded** – Friday 18 September to Monday 21 September, Skegness Resort
  Line up includes Ministry of Sound – Anthems, A1 and Fragma.
  Room only from £100 pp for three nights.
- **Ultimate 80s** – Friday 25 September to Monday 28 September Minehead Resort.
  Line up includes Madness, Kim Wilde and Pat Sharp.
  Room only from £77 pp for three nights.

LIFESTYLE: Bring the beach to your back garden

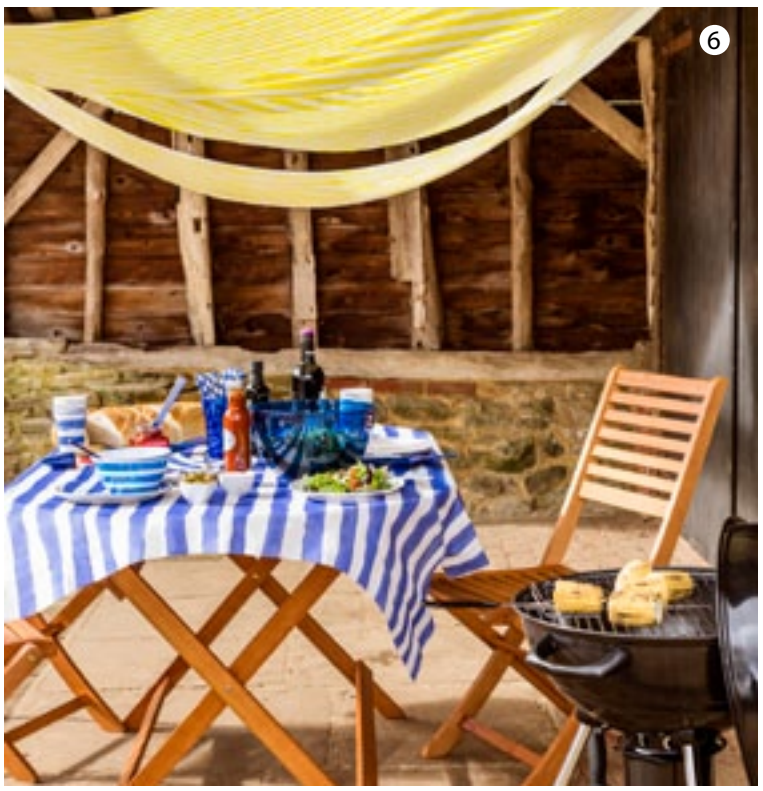
STAYCATIONING or, having your holiday at home, does not mean that you can't get into the spirit of the British seaside. So this year if you are not planning to leave your back garden, make the most of your outdoor space by giving it a beach-themed make over.

If your garden furniture is looking a little lacklustre then set to work with the sandpaper and a tin or two of paint to give it a summer freshen-up. Choose calming and candy seaside colours such as blues, yellows and greens to give a truly coastal feel. For a washed out drift wood feel choose creams, off whites and subtle greys and then add pops of colour with shades inspired by ice cream, candy floss and beach huts.

Stick to blocks of colour in contrasting colours, or go all out for true seaside style and paint stripes to give a really nautical feel. Even the humble garden shed can benefit from a new coat of paint so why not turn yours into a beach hut or an ice cream stand to really be the envy of your street?

Plant pots and containers that are looking past their best will benefit from an instant injection of colour, so use any ends of pots or tester pots to cheer them up. Coloured pots are a great foil for plants and grouped together can create a really eye catching display.

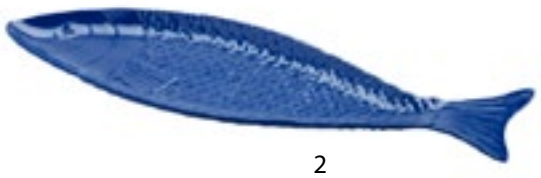
Patios and paths can be washed down, weeds tended to and beds, borders and containers brightened up with a few horticultural additions. Supermarkets and garden centres all have bargain plants that need rescuing, so check out the best buys when you are next doing the weekly shop. Tesco and Lidl are both excellent places to pick up plants that need a little TLC but that cost just a pound or two. The trick is to get them home as quickly as you can, deadhead them, re-pot or plant in the garden and give them a good drink. By lavishing a bit of much needed attention on them, you can be rewarded with displays that will last well into the autumn season.



Make the most of your garden whatever size it is, by treating it like you would a room in your home. If the weather is good then spend as much time out there as you can, and be inspired by the textures, colours and objects that you would find at the seaside. Group pebbles, boulders or shells together around plants, and add a cheerful parasol and deck chairs to your patio to create a relaxing space where you can sit and read, play with your children and eat al fresco.

Instead of splashing the cash on new garden accessories or ornaments, look at what you already have and up-cycle or re-purpose where you can. Plant pots can be transformed by decorating with shells, and by adding a top layer of cheap pea shingle to larger containers you will make the most of the plants and help keep any slugs and snails away. It also looks really smart and carries on with the beach theme.

Add some sand to a group of glass jars, add tea lights and group together either on the ground or on a table to create some great atmospheric lighting. Plants in small pots look at their best in groups, so if you have an old table or set of shelves that you no longer use inside, think about giving them a new lease of life and use them as a plant stand. A lick of paint is usually all that is needed and you have saved something from landfill and created a new garden accessory.



Here is our pick of the best beach buys for your garden this summer

1. Beach striped parasol: £10 from Wilko

2. Fish platter: £3 from Sainsbury's

3. Striped platter: £4 from Sainsbury's

4. Small charcoal bucket barbeque in blue: £10 from Tesco Direct

5. Steel slated bistro set: £50 from Wilko

6. Coastal stripe outdoor dining: From £2 from Sainsbury's

7. Resin lounger chairs: £50 for two from Tesco Direct Ocean dream cushion: £8 from Tesco Direct

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Creative community buzz on the Leys

PEOPLE from across the Leys have been using their creative talents to make a community mosaic that will be displayed at The Barn.

The Workers Educational Association Pride in Our Community project started at The Barn in June and finished last week. Twenty local people from sheltered housing schemes, members of Crisis and Aspire all with a range of backgrounds and experiences took part in the project to create the 1.5m art work.

Emma Carney from WEA said: "We have been working on a large flying mosaic bird of many colours using very glamorous and glittery tiles. This will be attached to the outside of the Barn in the autumn."

Using the answers to questionnaires given to local people at focus groups, the aim of the project was to design a very positive and uplifting image which was beautiful, powerful and reflects the diversity of the area.

Emma added: "The bird image is similar to the dove of peace image and the bird's beak holds a string of bunting which will show images of the successes and community spirit of the area. The bunting will be made by students on the next dewing course at the Leys Children's Centre in September. The group has formed well over five weeks and there is a relaxed and creative buzz in the air. "

If you are interested in taking part in this project, WEA will be running a further three courses.

For users of the Leys Children's Centre there will be a course between Thursday September 17 and Thursday 22 October.

■ **For more information contact Emma Carney on 07770 641359 or email ecarney@wea.org.uk**

BOOK REVIEW

Constantine #1

By Jeff Lemire, Ray Fawkes writers and Rendo Guedes Artist. (2013)

Reviewed by Jane Yates

I BOUGHT this comic as I am a fan of the Keanu Reeves movie Constantine, as I had learnt that the film had been inspired by the comic character John Constantine. This is an all action film, and our hero and his side kick battle with demons, preform exorcisms and battles the occult. If you also are a fan of the film then you will not be disappointed with the storyline of the comic. The character Constantine first appeared in "Swap Thing" #37 (1983) and "Justice League Dark" #1 and now in the all new series by DC "The Hellblazer" #1 June 2015.

He has limited powers, detective skills, supernatural knowledge and some magic. Yet there is something highly evocative about the Constantine charter that is appealing and interesting.

The quality of this publication is high, with glossy pages, full colour printing and very detailed art work. The story is set in New York City. John Constantine and his psychic companion Chris are quickly drawn into a mystery to solve. After our smoking hero instructs Chris to mark out the destination on a globe the pair board a plane to Norway and the adventure begins. An air hostess is not what she seams, and Constantine and Chris both narrowly miss being poisoned.

However after dispensing with the fake air hostess they arrive at their hotel in one piece. The hotel is made out of ice and the pair head straight to the hotel chapel. Chris is troubled by the appearance of the sorcerer Sargon and Constantine has a difficult choice to make as the painful magic binds Chris. A battle ensues, illustrated in beautiful drawings and Jaimini Sargent materialises blows a lot of things up and demands that Constantine surrenders.

Though the story is interesting, I was slightly disappointed there was not more on the cult group Cold Flame, however the wonderful illustrations make up for an gaps in the plot.

I am just starting out collecting comics and feel really pleased with this one, which you can get easily online second hand for a couple of pounds.

Utterly charming and so much fun

ROOM ON THE BROOM at Oxford Playhouse

WHOOSH! Tall Stories' Olivier Award-nominated family show Room on the Broom flies into Oxford Playhouse from Tuesday 25 to Saturday 29 August.

This magical, musical production, adapted from the best-selling book by Children's Laureate Julia Donaldson MBE and Axel Scheffler, takes audiences aboard a magnificent broom for an unforgettable adventure. Expect enchanting puppetry, sing-along songs, and hilariously scary fun. The perfect summer holiday treat!

The witch and her cat are flying happily along on their broomstick when a stormy wind blows the witch's hat, bow and wand away into the night. A helpful dog, bird and frog find the witch's lost things and all hop on the broom for a ride. But this broomstick's not meant for five and it snaps in two! When a hungry dragon appears, who will save the poor witch? And will there ever be room on the broom for everyone?

Room on the Broom is for everyone aged three and over and their families.

■ **Tickets for Room on the Broom at Oxford Playhouse start at £11 and are available from 01865 305305 or online at www.oxfordplayhouse.com**

Hidden Spire uses theatre to engage homeless people in Oxford

THIS year's Hidden Spire production at the Old Fire Station will be Before The Tempest: a very special play bringing professional and homeless artists together in Oxford to make an outstanding and unique show for the public.

Before the Tempest imagines what life was like on the island for Miranda and Prospero as a prequel to Shakespeare's classic tale of love, magic and bad weather.

The play is the result of this year's Hidden Spire, which brings together a team of professional artists to make a show from scratch alongside people who are homeless. It's a collaboration: the team have been writing, devising, designing and building over 14 months to create what promises to be an extraordinary moment of live theatre with a striking set – a work of art in itself.

It's about isolation and belonging, despair and forgiveness. It's about wanting to fit in and being different. It's about growing up. And it's about birds.

Hidden Spire is partnership between Arts at the Old Fire Station and Crisis Skylight Oxford, which brings professional artists and Crisis clients together to create a performance using music, dance, theatre, visual arts and more. Hidden Spire isn't just a production, it's a process – it demonstrates the value and potential of having a public arts centre and resources for homeless people in the same building. Most importantly, it shows that excellent art and inclusive art can be the same thing.

■ **Before The Tempest**
Thurs 17 and Fri 18 Sept: 7.30pm.
Sat 19 Sept: 2.30pm and 7.30pm.
The Old Fire Station.
Tickets: £12, £10

■ **More information and progress updates can be followed on the blog: www.hiddenspire.co.uk and tickets can be obtained from www.ticketsoxford.com or by phoning 01865 305305**

LEYS MUM

An alternative look at parenting with Lauraine Dineen

The Gift

THIS morning I had to go to the post office to send a baby gift. The post office is my least favourite of all the awful places I take my boys, gynecologist included. It is quiet, and everyone is standing in line with nothing better to do than judge me when my boys start to play up.

There are a million things lying around that pull their fingers in like a magnetic force field. Boxes, envelopes, sellotape, paper, pens. There is a ledge underneath a cupboard and they love nothing more than to run over, hoist themselves upon the ledge and open and close that door. Over and over and over.

I do my best to rein it in but there are two of them and one of me and… well I am still working on growing four more arms.

This morning was no different. I told them they could sit on the ledge as long as they SAT there, no jumping off. Harry responded by looking me square in the face and jumping off with a "whatcha gonna do in front of all these people" sparkle in his eye. What I did was grab his hand and told him he had to stand next to me in line. Which he liked about as much as me chucking a bucket of spiders over his head.

The fit began immediately, and escalated with each passing second. Which there were many of as I waited for the four people in front of me to mail livestock to Timbuktu. People continued to file in behind me.

The typical people you would expect to be in a post office at 9.30am on a Monday morning. Mostly 50 and 60-something-year-old women and one 70-something-year-old man who were all reflecting on what a better job they did raising their children than I was doing right now. My face was burning and I was terrified one of them was going to say something to me. Clearly I should know what to do. If I were a better parent he would not be acting this way. He was screaming now, on the floor, and I wanted to die.

From behind me I heard a voice. "Man I remember those days!" Immediately a chorus of laughter and resounding "Yeahs!" rose up to the ceiling like a hymn.

Another woman laughed and said, "Wow, the way he's throwing himself on the floor is Oscar worthy! And I should know – my daughter is twenty two and STILL does that." Laughter. Then another, "My daughter is FORTY and still does that!" More laughter.

"We have all been there honey," another said. I swiped my debit card and turned around. Everyone was smiling.

"Hang in there, you are doing a great job!" The man said.

My normal ability to lap it up as the center of attention was gone; I was without words as my eyes welled up and I bit my tongue to stifle the tears of relief.

"Thank you for saying that," I said to the woman who dared break the silence and start it all as I walked out past her. "It makes me feel better to know I am not the only one in the world whose children throw tantrums. You do not know how much it meant to me." My eyes sheepishly scanned the room.

Almost in unison, every person laughed knowingly and began talking at once.

"Oh no! You're not the only one!" "We have all been there!" "You are doing a great job and talk to them with a lovely tone!" All I could do was nod at them and smile as I grabbed George off the ledge and walked out with a huge lump in my throat.

And then I realized how little it takes to break someone down or pull someone up. To make someone's day takes so little, yet it so rarely occurs to us.

So here is your reminder for you all. Tell someone they are doing a good job today. The Burger King drive through girl. Your librarian. Your other mum friends. Your children. Your spouse. It is the best gift you can give without a trip to the post office.

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Leys Learning

Community Media Group goes back to school

PUPILS from Wood Farm Primary School took over their local community newspaper, Wood Farm News and filled it with stories and photos that were all their own work.

The project gave children in years five and six the chance to be roving reporters for a few weeks, and the result of their hard work was published just before the end of term.

The Wood Farm School Special was edited and designed by the team at Community Media Group, who manage all the community newspapers across Oxford and Reading.

Group Editor Sarah Edwards said: "We love working in communities and really enjoy being able to inspire people to have a go at writing and taking photos. The team at Wood Farm Primary were fantastic and worked really hard to get all their stories together ready for the deadline. It was a pleasure for us to work with them, and we would encourage any schools who would like to get involved in the same way to contact us. We offer free training for anyone who is keen to develop skills in journalism."

Primary schools or other local community groups who would like to talk to us about 'taking over' their local community newspaper can email editor@leysnews.co.uk and find out more.

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THE next round of FREE community journalism training will start in the autumn at our offices in Greater Leys. For details and to enrol please email editor@leysnews.co.uk

RECIPE

White Chocolate Cookies

BY BETH SPEICH

YOU know those yummy cookies in the supermarket's bakery? Well, you no longer need to buy them! Here's a quick and simple recipe for some equally yummy white chocolate cookies. Of course you can experiment with it and substitute the white chocolate for any other kind – or even Smarties or bits of Rolo – the possibilities are endless!

Ingredients:

- 125g unsalted butter
- 100g granulated sugar
- 75g soft brown sugar
- One egg, beaten
- 150g plain flour
- ½ tsp baking powder
- 100g white chocolate, broken into smallish chunks

(*These quantities make about 12–18 cookies.*)

Method:

1. Preheat your oven to 190ºC, and line two or three baking trays with baking paper.
2. On a low heat, gently heat the butter in a pan.
3. Meanwhile mix the two sugars together in a small bowl. Pour in the melted butter and mix well.
4. Add the beaten egg, and mix again until well blended.
5. Sieve in the flour and baking powder, and combine gently until it looks something like the picture.
6. Mix in the chunks of chocolate.
7. Dot heaped pudding spoonfuls onto the prepared baking trays. Make sure you space them out well as they will grow in the oven!
8. Bake for about 8–10 minutes – until golden. Try not to overcook them or they'll be crispy. Cool on a wire rack.

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☎ Agata, 07874 187 704

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bblbrownies@gmail.com

■ **35th Oxford Scout Group**
☎ Duncan Bowler,
0776 6293353
duncan@35thoxford.com

■ **Little Doves Stay & Play**
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NOTICES

SOCIALIST PARTY MEETING
Last Tuesday of every month at Leys Links Centre, Blackbird Leys Road.
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THE CLOCKHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Our sessions are either low-cost or free, and all Leys over 50s are very welcome!

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● Over-50s advice
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● Monday tea-time social for over 50s
Tea-time social club for a friendly cup of tea and a chat. Scrabble and dominoes if you feel like a game - or just enjoy meeting and chatting with others! STOP PRESS: continuing every Monday, 1.30–3.30pm throughout August, except for Bank Holiday 31 August. £1. Tel: 01865 395908. (*Transport help available if you live on the Leys and have mobility difficulties. We can also offer someone to meet you – or come with you – on your first visit.*)

● Age UK Information Drop-In
Regular monthly sessions at the Clockhouse. Next one: Monday 28 September, 1.30–3.30pm. No session during August. If you are over 50, or are supporting someone over 50, and need help, advice or information, please drop in for a chat with a friendly, experienced Age UK community information worker.

● Dance for over 50s
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● Yoga for over 50s
Summer break in August, then Tuesdays, starting 8 September, 10–11am. £2.

● Crafts group for over 50s
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● Tai chi for over 50s
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● Gardening Club
Monthly meeting of SLIGO (*Senior Leys Independent Gardening Organisation*). Adults of ALL ages welcome. You don't have to be an active gardener. Next meeting: Thursday 6 August, 2–4 pm. £2. Tel: 01865 395908.

● Art group for over-50s
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■ Chrisco Ministries
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☎ 07533 845714 and 07737 564677

■ Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Balfour Road, Blackbird Leys.
Sunday Masses: 9.30am, with music and children's liturgy; and at 6pm.
☎ 01865 776903

■ Christian Harvest Ministries
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☎ Rev Alice Kinyanjui, 01865 701129

■ Seventh Day Adventist Church
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Saturday first service: 9.45–11am.
Second service: 11.15am–12.30pm.
www.freebible.org.uk

■ Mount Zion Ministries Oxford
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Bible Study: Sundays, 11am–12pm.
☎ Rev Chris Ugwu, 07877 536406, 07932 964056 and 07877 054600
Email: mtzionoxford@yahoo.co.uk
www.mtzionox.org

■ Kingsway International Christian Centre (Oxford branch)
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THE WILDLIFE GARDEN

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Small tortoiseshell Butterfly. ***Photo by Jörg Hempel.***

ATTRACTING butterflies involves growing plants that meets the needs of all life stages of the butterfly. The insects need places to lay eggs, food plants for their larvae (caterpillars), places to form chrysalides and nectar sources for adults.

If you don't "grow" caterpillars, there will be no adults. Bringing caterpillar food plants into your garden hugely increase the likelihood of attracting an array of butterflies, giving us all another opportunity to plant an increasing variety of plants. I often say the key to wildlife gardening is starting with plant diversity.

Caterpillars often feed on limited varieties of plants, rarely causing the leaf damage to our prized plants. My observation is many eggs are laid and caterpillars emerge on the stems of long grass, but Wisteria, Willow, Holly and Ivy, Plum, Alder, Sycamore, Vetches, Legumes, Thistles, Honeysuckle, Mallows, Nettles, Mistletoe and Lupins are all caterpillar hosts.

Butterflies are attracted to red, yellow, orange, pink and purple colours that are open and flat in nature, or very short tubular flowers. Butterflies need nectar ongoing throughout their life span. So plant a succession of flowering plants that follow on from each other, giving us gardeners ongoing colour to enjoy too. Plants should receive full sun from mid-morning to mid-afternoon as butterflies often feed only in the warming sun.

Butterflies require sun to warm their wings so having bare soil or flat stones in your garden to provide space for butterflies to sunbathe a bit is a good idea. Butterflies often gather in the wet puddles around the edges of ponds, they maybe extracting minerals from damp puddles so don't fill your wildlife garden with plants to the brim.

Good plants to attract butterflies include Verbena Bonariensis, Lavender, Marjoram, Buddleia, Perennial Wallflower, Hebe, Phlox, Chives, Thyme, Catmint, Golden Rod, Senecio and Sea Holly.

Happy Gardening.

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Includes Hog Roast or Veggie Sausages and Bucks Fizz on arrival.
It'll be finger lickin' good!

Scarecrow Competition!

Charity Raffle ~ Hog Roast Bands ~ Party Music

In the run up to the Shindig, we will be organising a Scarecrow Competition in Freeland and the neighbouring villages! Please collect an entry form from the Oxfordshire Yoeman pub. Entry is just £2 and the winner will receive 50% of the entrance fees.

Tickets for this event are available in advance only from:

Nicky Clargo
07754 271831
oxfordshire.stars@gmail.com
or the Oxfordshire Yeoman Pub.

www.facebook.com/oxfordshirestars.gigsevents

LEYS FESTIVAL 2015

SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER, 12–4PM
AT BLACKBIRD LEYS PARK, CUDDESDON WAY

FREE ENTRY!
EVERYONE WELCOME!

We are kicking off the festival this year with a carnival procession around the park led by Horns of Plenty plus loads of stalls offering a wide range of FREE activities including facepainting, sumo suits, tug of war, dodgeball, mosaic workshop, ping pong, object handling, creative writing and many more!

DELICIOUS FOOD FOR ALL TASTES!

Confirmed activities and attractions:

CLIMBING WALL
JUNGLE SLIDE & BOUNCE
ADULT'S AND CHILD'S BOUNCY CASTLE
BUNGEE RUN
ELECTRIC GO KARTS
SURFING SIMULATOR
LASER TAG
BALL POOL
PONY RIDES
AFRICAN DRUMMING WORKSHOP
BALLOON TWISTING
OXFORD ACADEMY ELECTRIC CARS
DANCE SHOW AND OTHER PERFORMANCES!

Contact details:

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